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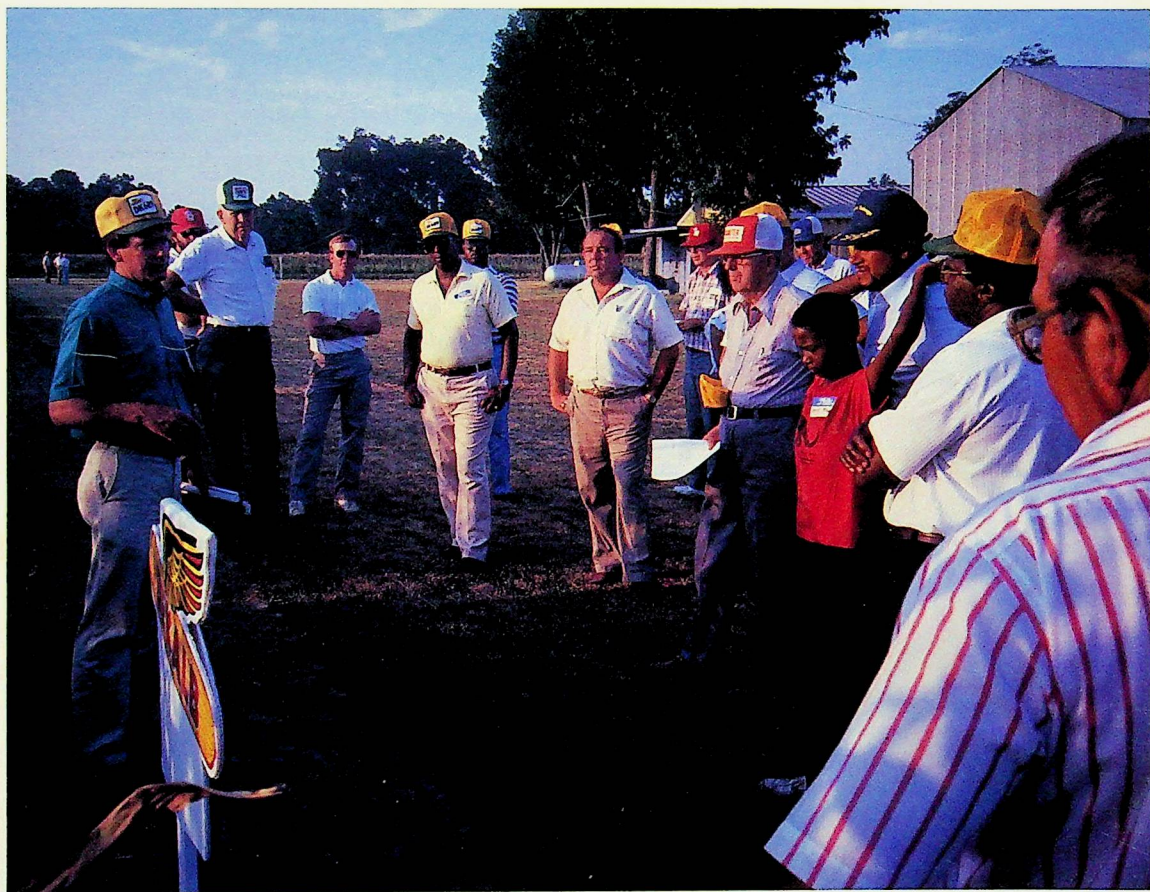
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TO YOUNG FARMERS

By Tommy Gladden

The 11th summer tour was hosted and sponsored by DeKalb-Pfizer Genetics at its research center at Mount Olive, N.C., July 24-25. A Bar-B-Que was provided Friday afternoon at the center. After the fine meal, a tour of the test plots and demonstration area was conducted by the researchers and other DeKalb personnel. The corn and sorghum plots were very impressive.

Saturday morning a breakfast buffet was provided at the Holiday Inn in Goldsboro. An informative demonstration was then presented by our sponsors. The efforts of Joe Napier, sales representative of Clinton, N.C., and Doug Roberts, sales represen-

tative of Sumter, S.C., are much appreciated for providing such an outstanding tour.

The 21st National Institute will be hosted by the Illinois Association in Peoria, December 9-12. Those interested in attending should contact me if they have not received information from the host state.

Our 40th State Convention will be held in Columbia, January 15-16, 1988, at the Radisson Hotel. Look for details in the near future. Now is the time for chapters to complete contest award applications. Applications are in the new chapter guides given to all advisers. Please make every effort to submit an application in each area.

TO FUTURE FARMERS

By Earl J. Frick, Jr.

One of the largest crowds in recent years helped celebrate the Sixtieth State FFA Convention held at Clemson University June 10-12. Congratulations to the FFA members and advisors who were recognized for their accomplishments. A number of retired teachers and former state FFA Officers joined the nearly 400 enthusiastic FFA members from throughout the state to participate in this year's convention. You will see many of them in this issue of the magazine.

The newly elected State FFA Officers have been busy since their election in June. Their activities have included conducting an excellent leadership conference at Cherry Grove, attending a National Leadership Conference at Jacksonville, Fla., and attending other national and state events. They represented you in a very outstanding manner. Call on them this year to visit your chapter to help you get organized, or

whenever you need them for a special occasion. They are ready and anxious to serve you as we work together to make our organization stronger.

The National FFA Convention will be in Kansas City, November 11-14. Featured speakers include Lee Iacocca, Roger Staubach, and William Bennett, U.S. Secretary of Education. The South Carolina delegation will be housed in a new Comfort Inn Hotel on Westport Plaza. Hotel cost plus plane fare will be \$260 for students and \$281 for adults. Please contact your district consultant or state advisor, Mr. McClimon, right away if you are interested in attending.

A limited number of rooms and plane seats have been reserved, and commitments must be finalized by September 30. Make your plans now to participate in an educational and exciting National FFA Convention in Kansas City.

Cover Photo

Cover photograph shows many of the South Carolina Young Farmers during the annual summer tour which featured a visit to the DeKalb-Pfizer Genetics Research Center at Mount Olive, N.C.

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SCYF Summer Tour

Of Seed Research Center

A large delegation of 126 Young Farmers participated in the annual summer tour of South Carolina Young Farmers July 24-25 at the DeKalb-Pfizer Genetics Research Center at Mount Olive, NC.

Young Farmers from the local area in North Carolina also participated in the tour.

The tour included a presentation on the plant breeding programs, and how traits and characteristics are bred into the plants. Other highlights included a look at performance testing plants where varieties of corn and grain sorghum are grown, and field comparison tests.

A program Saturday morning featured a short history of DeKalb-Pfizer and an update on research work that is being carried out world-wide.

The tour included a barbeque dinner Friday night at the research center, a tour of the farm, and a breakfast Saturday morning, all sponsored by DeKalb-Pfizer Genetics.

The South Carolina Young Farmers were accompanied by Hugh P.

McClimon, State supervisor of agricultural education; and Tommy Gladden, district consultant in agricultural education, and State Young Farmer executive secretary.

"We appreciate the efforts of Billy Simmons, regional Sales Manager in

Atlanta; Joe Napier, sales representative of Clinton, NC; Doug Roberts, sales representative of Sumter, SC and several other representatives of DeKalb-Pfizer Genetics including Dale Dowden, Ed Deane, Preston Thornton, and Dr. Thomas Morgan in making this tour possible," Mr. Gladden said.

COMING EVENTS

South Carolina State Fair

October 15-24

60th National FFA Convention,
Kansas City, Mo.

November 12-14

Young Farmer National Institute,
Peoria, Ill

December 9-12

S.C. Young Farmer Convention

January 15-16



Young Farmers in left photograph are shown listening to a presentation by Dr. Thomas Morgan, research director at the DeKalb-Pfizer Genetics Research Center at Mt. Olive, NC during the SCYF summer tour. Activities at the research center also are discussed by Ed Deane of DeKalb-Pfizer Genetics in right photograph.

60th SCFFA Convention Brings Honors to Outstanding FFA'ers

Al Harman of the Gilbert FFA Chapter, was elected president of the South Carolina Association of Future Farmers of America at the closing session of its 60th annual convention at Clemson University. He succeeds Patricia Port of Pleasant Hill FFA Chapter in Georgetown County.

Other new officers include Bernard Hampton of Pendleton FFA Chapter, vice president; Angela Cribb of Pleasant Hill, secretary; Melissa Tyler of Loris, treasurer; Bert Shumpert of Pelion, reporter; and Freddie Solomon of Estill, sentinel.

Steven Shirley of Belton-Honea Path FFA Chapter won first place in the State FFA Public Speaking contest. His agriculture teacher is Harold J. Mackey. District winners who competed in this event included Davey Brakefield of York FFA Chapter; and Melanie Avant of Pleasant Hill FFA Chapter.

Pelion FFA Chapter captured first place in the State FFA parliamentary procedure contest. Team members included Bert Shumpert, Sam Jackson, Tim Shumpert, Jody Baughman, and Lance Jeffcoat. Frank R. Stover, Jr.,

agriculture teacher at Pelion, is advisor of the winning team.

District parliamentary procedure teams and respective members who competed in the State event follow:

Abbeville: Fred Raines, agriculture teacher and advisor; John Boyd, Jeff Ellis, Kevin Hedden, Andy Lawton, and Brandon Wilson.

Loris: Ben Hardee, agriculture teacher and advisor; James Norris, Forest Norris, George Paul, Gilbert Canady, and Kevin Bellamy.

Estill: Thomas Dawkins, agriculture teacher and advisor; Michael Young, Mechel Busby, Timothy Graves, Kimberly Young, and Harry Taylor.

Russell Green, Jr. of Darlington was presented a \$250 scholarship by the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity at Clemson University. The award is made to a freshman enrolling in any agricultural field who successfully completes one semester at Clemson.

First place winners in contests conducted during the convention in skills acquired in the study of vocational agriculture and agribusiness in high school follow:

Farm Business Management: Brittons Neck FFA Chapter, Jerry Pace, agriculture teacher; and Team members Lloyd Richardson, first place individual winner; Kevin Richardson, and Tyron Williams, third place individual. Andrew Gaylord of Pendleton was second place individual winner. Pendleton and Estill FFA Chapters won second and third place respectively in state awards.

Forestry: Crescent FFA Chapter, John Herron, agriculture teacher; and Team Members Jody Cann, first place individual winner; Andrew Wiles, third place individual winner; and Todd Metz. Mark Lowe of Ware Shoals was second place individual winner. Ware Shoals and Thurmond FFA Chapters won second and third place respectively.

Floriculture: Rock Hill Career Center FFA Chapter: Sue Sanford, agriculture teacher; and Team Members, Brooke Craig, and Pam Leasure, first, second and third place respectively in individual awards; and Sharon Mims. Aiken and Finklea Career Center, won second and third place respectively in State awards.

Nursery/Landscape: Rock Hill Career Center FFA Chapter, Sue Sanford, agriculture teacher; and Team Members Kyle Davis, third place individual; Jeff Fisher, and Lisa Nichols. Mark Bailey of Travelers Rest was first place individual; and Lisa Nichols of Aiken was second high individual. Travelers Rest and Lexington Vocational Center, won second and third place respectively.

Agricultural Mechanics: Newberry AVC, Kenneth Chapman, agriculture teacher and Team Members Allen Derrick, John Grubbs, and Ed Taylor. High individual winners included Michael Wright of Floyd D. Johnson FFA Chapter at York; first; Ed Taylor of Newberry, second; and Scott Corbett of Wagener-Salley, third. Wagener-Salley and Pickens AVC captured second and third place State awards.

Steven Elliott of Pleasant Hill FFA Chapter, captured first place State award in the FFA Creed Speaking Contest.



Crescent FFA Chapter won first place in the Forestry contest conducted during the State FFA Convention at Clemson. Team members include, left to right, Andrew Wiles, Todd Metz, and Jody Cann, first place individual winner. John Herron, right, is their agriculture teacher.



Twelve of the 28 individuals who were presented the Honorary State Farmer degree by the SCFFA are shown above at a banquet in their honor. Those receiving the degree are listed in the article below.

Honorary State Farmer Degree Recipients

Twenty-eight individuals were presented honorary State Farmer degrees at the State FFA Convention in June. Honorary degrees were awarded in recognition of the recipients' contributions and service to the SCFFA organization and in working with vocational agriculture students in educational and leadership development.

Those receiving the degree include: Barry Edmunds of Due West, Steve Morrison of Pickens, Wesley Carter of Chester, Harmon Cooper, Jr. of Hemingway and Timothy Hegler of Kershaw, all agriculture teachers.

Also Mason Davison of Clover, superintendent of York School District 2; Jerry Powell of Johnsonville, director of Federal Projects with Florence School District 5; Marshall Flowers of Darlington, farmer and president of the South Carolina Association of Young Farmers, William Frick, director of public works at Winnsboro; and Dr. John Albrecht of Florence, extension animal specialist.

Also Terri Barber, secretary of the State Vocational Agricultural Education office in Columbia, Benjie Rhoad, director of member relations with the S.C. Farm Bureau, Columbia; Ted Bartee, farmer of Clover; Russ Hallberg of Catawba Timber Company at Catawba; and Melvin Crum, farmer of Rowesville.

Also parents of State officers James W. and Mary Lou Port of Hemingway; William H. and Pernell Ray of Neeses; Robert Lee and Annie Margrett Thompkins, of Mullins; Linda L. Smith

of Darlington; John C. and Jean B. Smith of Trenton; Roy W. Sr., and Diane B. Patterson of York; and Harold and Joanne Clinkscales of Starr, parents of the State Star Farmer.



New officers of the South Carolina Association of Future Farmers of America are shown above. They include, left to right, seated, Melissa Tyler of Loris, treasurer; Al Harman of Gilbert, president; and Angela Cribb of Pleasant Hill, secretary. Back row, J. Earl Frick, Jr., of Florence, executive secretary; Freddie Solomon of Estill, sentinel; Bernard Hampton of Pendleton, vice president; Bert Shumpert of Pelion, reporter; and Hugh P. McClimon of Columbia, advisor. The new officers were elected and installed at the recent annual SCFFA convention at Clemson University.

Many Future Farmers Share Honors in Awards Programs

Fifty-five Future Farmers were presented State Farmer Degrees during the closing session of the 60th annual convention of SC Future Farmers of America at Clemson University. The State Farmer Degree is presented in recognition of outstanding accomplishments in the study of vocational agriculture and agribusiness education in high school. It also is based upon progress of the respective individuals to advance their knowledge and skills through related activities.

Other awards presented at its closing session follow:

Agricultural Electrification: Steven Mark Ricketts of Belton-Honea Path FFA Chapter.

Agricultural Processing: Rodney Malone Weaver of Dorman FFA Chapter in Spartanburg County.

Beef Production: Michael Gary Wright of York FFA Chapter.

Diversified Crop production: Billy McAdams of Pendleton FFA Chapter.

Diversified Livestock production: Brian Keith Clinkscales of Crescent FFA Chapter in Anderson County.

Fruit and/or Vegetable Production: Monroe Rhodes of Walterboro FFA Chapter.

Home and or Farmstead Improvement: Ronald Scott Wooten of Gilbert.

Horse Proficiency: Jennifer L. Jessen of Walterboro FFA Chapter.

Nursery Operations: Steve Anthony Garnto of Aiken FFA Chapter.

Oil Crop Production: Rex Lundy Strickland of Green Sea-Floyds FFA Chapter.

Placement in Agricultural Production: Tim Ellenburg of Wade Hampton FFA Chapter, Greenville.

Specialty Animal Production: Clayton Richardson of Brittons Neck FFA Chapter.

Specialty Crop Production: Goley M. Floyd of Green Sea-Floyds FFA Chapter.

Turf and Landscape Management: Timothy Earl Horton of Dorman FFA Chapter in Spartanburg County.

Four Individual Future Farmer awards of \$450 each were presented to Brian Keith Clinkscales of Crescent FFA Chapter, District 1; Karson W. Corley of Lexington FFA Chapter, District 2; Aaron Reason of Brittons Neck FFA Chapter, District 3; and Jennifer L. Jessen of Walterboro, District 4. Objective of this contest was to develop an in-

centive to improve the diversified farming program and to develop leadership ability in farming.

In the Cooperative Program award, James F. Byrnes Chapter at Duncan, G.P. Jones, Jr., advisor and agriculture teacher, captured first place. Green Sea-Floyds Chapter, Darrell Ricketts, advisor and agriculture teacher, won the District 3 award.

Thurmond FFA Chapter in Edgefield County won the Governor's Citation award in the "Building Our American Communities" competition. Gold emblem winners in the Building Our American Communities project included Loris FFA Chapter, Benjamin Hardee, advisor and agriculture teacher; Dorman FFA Chapter, C. Gerald Moore, advisor and agriculture teacher; and Mullins FFA Chapter, James L. Bell, advisor and agriculture teacher.

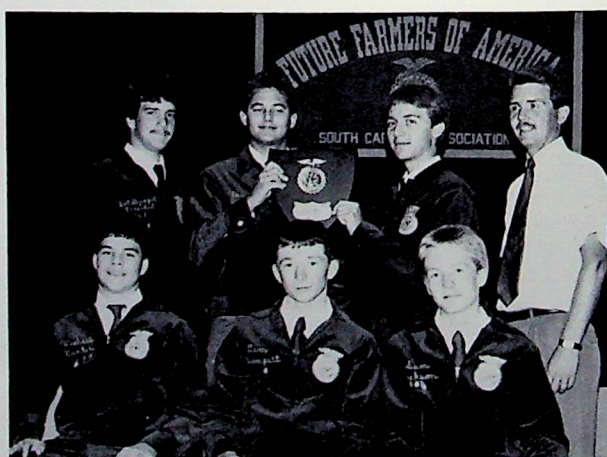
Kevin Cato of Thurmond FFA Chapter was the State individual winner in Building Our American Communities.

BOAC awards were presented by Jan Lovell of the Farmers Home Administration, and Walter McKinney of the

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Brittons Neck FFA Chapter placed first in the State Farm Business Management Contest. Team members include, left to right, Tyron Williams, Kearn Richardson, and Lloyd Richardson, first place individual; and Jerry Pace, team advisor.



A parliamentary procedure team from Pelion FFA Chapter captured first place in the State FFA Parliamentary contest. Team members shown above include, left to right, seated, Michael Gunter, Tim Shumpert and Sam Jackson. Standing, Bert Shumpert, Lance Jeffcoat, and Jody Baughman; and Frank R. Stover, right, agriculture teacher at Pelion, and team advisor.



Winners in the State FFA Creed Speaking Contest during the SCFFA convention include, left to right, Steven Elliott first place, Lee Smith of Belton-Honea Path, second; and Jeff Mishoe of Loris, third.

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South Carolina Rural Rehabilitation Corporation, both of Columbia. The Building Our American Communities program is sponsored by the R.J. Reynolds Industries, Inc. of Winston-Salem, N.C. in cooperation with the National FFA Foundation, and the Farmers Home Administration.

Computers in Agriculture awards, sponsored by AgriData Resources: Billy Carter of Dorman FFA Chapter in Spartanburg County, Gold Emblem award; Floyd Daniel Elliott of Green Sea-Floyds FFA Chapter, Horry County, Silver Emblem; and Chris Ulmer of Edisto FFA Chapter, Cope, Bronze Emblem.

Agricultural Electrification awards: Rusty Wayne Killingsworth of Mullins FFA Chapter, State winner; and District Winners Steven Mark Ricketts of Belton-Honea Path FFA Chapter, District 1; Tracy Price of Gilbert, District 2; and Eric Antley of Edisto FFA Chapter, District 4. Electrification awards were presented by E.J. Tyson of Duke Power Company Charlotte, N.C., one of the sponsoring firms.

Russell Green, Jr. of Mayo High School FFA Chapter at Darlington was presented a \$500 scholarship by the South Carolina Plant Food Educational Society. Ira Holley of the SC Plant Food

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Jimmy Smith of Strom Thurmond FFA Chapter, Past SCFFA vice president; and Tracy Yarborough of Lake City, past SCFFA president, offer congratulations to Dr. John Rodgers and Mrs. Rodgers at a reception during the SCFFA Convention last Summer at Clemson University. The reception was held in honor of Doctor Rodgers following an announcement of his retirement as head of the Agriculture Education Department at Clemson University June 30.



Russell Green, Jr. of Mayo High School FFA Chapter, received congratulations from his agriculture teacher, W.L. Pearson, after being presented a \$500 scholarship check by the South Carolina Plant Food Society.



Five of the winners in the Agriculture Proficiency Awards are shown above. They include, left to right, Brian Keith Clinkscales of Crescent FFA Chapter, Billy McAdams of Pendleton, Jennifer L. Jessen of Walterboro FFA Chapter, Monroe Rhodes of Walterboro, and Steven Mark Ricketts of Belton-Honea Path.



Lavonia "Nesie" Press who sang before more than 20,000 Future Farmers at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City last November brought her vocal talents to the SCFFA Convention last June as she sang, "The Greatest Love," to an appreciative audience of Future Farmers.



Floriculture students from Finklea Career Center are shown above as they compete in the Floriculture contest during the SCFFA convention. They include, left to right, Barbara Witherspoon, Sabrina Stanley and Sandra Bellamy. They placed third.



The Aiken FFA floriculture team is shown above during competition in the Plant and Animal Science Building at Clemson University during the SCFFA convention. They include, left to right, Scott Koon, David Judy and Jeff Heath who placed first in individual awards. Aiken won second place.

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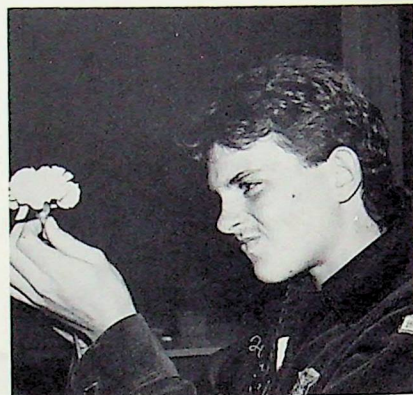
Educational Society, Norway, made the presentation.

He is the son of Linda L. Smith, and his agriculture teacher at Mayo is W.L. Pearson.

Fourteen FFA Chapters were presented Superior Chapter awards in the National Chapter Safety Award Program. Superior Chapters and respective agriculture teachers include Thurmond, Hugh Bland; Dorman, Charles G. Moore; James F. Byrnes, G.P. Jones, Jr.; Lexington Area Vocational Center, Tommy Harmon; Andrews, Gilmore McManus; Brittons Neck, Jerry Pace; Wilson at Florence, Floyd Brockington;

St. Johns, Darlington, Alex Yarborough; Johnsonville, Harmon Cooper, Jr.; Conway, Ben Anderson; Mayewood in Sumter County, Reginald Greene; Green Sea-Floyds, Darrell Ricketts; Pleasant Hill, Carlin Munnerlyn; Hillcrest, William B. Keels; Elloree, Lee Stoudemire; Edisto, George Ulmer; Holly Hill-Roberts, James Ulmer III; Clover, Chris Edge; York, Frank Sandifer; Loris, Ben Hardee; Manning, Michael Haynes; Furman-Manchester, Drefus Williams; Hunter-Kinard-Tyler, William Henry Ray; and Walterboro, William Wrighten.

Twenty-eight FFA Chapters received the Superior Chapter awards.



Jeff Heath of Aiken, gives serious attention to wiring a carnation.



The Governor's Citation for Building Our American Communities first place award in the State went to the Thurmond FFA Chapter. Recipients of the honor shown above include, left to right, Michael Crum, Kevin Mims, Jacob Smith, chapter members, and Hugh Bland, agriculture teacher.



Steven Shirley of Belton-Honea Path FFA Chapter, left, captured first place in the State FFA public speaking contest. Other top winners included Melania Avant of Pleasant Hill, center, and Davy Brakefield of York FFA Chapter.



James F. Byrnes FFA Chapter at Duncan, captured first place in the Cooperative Program award. Those in the picture include, left to right, G.P. Jones, Jr., advisor; Lynn Martin, and Jack T. Black, executive secretary of the S.C. Farmer Cooperative Council, Greenville, who presented the awards.



Brian Keith Clinkscales receives congratulations from his parents and agriculture teacher on being named SCFFA Star Farmer. Those in the picture include, left to right, Joanne Clinkscales, his mother; the Star Farmer, Harold Clinkscales, his father; and John Heron, agriculture teacher.

Clinkscales Receives Star Farmer Honors

Brian Keith Clinkscales of Crescent FFA Chapter in Anderson County was honored as the Star State Farmer of the South Carolina Association of Future Farmers during the State FFA Convention.

The Star Farmer is the son of Harold and Joanne Clinkscales of Starr. Joe M. Price is his agriculture teacher at Crescent High School.

Recognition as Star Farmer was based upon his outstanding achievement in leadership and his supervised farming program.

He was presented a \$300 cash award in recognition of being selected from a field of four District Star Farmers as the State winner.

District Star Farmers included Karson W. Corley of Lexington, District 2; Kenneth Theodore Strickland of Green Sea-Floyds FFA Chapter in Horry County, District 3; and George Larnard Ulmer of Edisto Chapter in Orangeburg County; District 4; and the Star Farmer represented District 1.



Harold J. Mackey congratulates Steven Shirley on winning first place in the State FFA public speaking contest, and Steven's mother, Mrs. Glenda Shirley, right.

Special awards also featured the recognition of William Marshall McDaniels of Mullins FFA Chapter as State FFA Star Agribusinessman, who also received a \$300 cash award. His agriculture teacher is James L. Bell.

District Star Agribusinessmen included Mitchell H. Yonce of Thurmond FFA Chapter in Edgefield County, District 1; Ronald Craig Comer of York FFA Chapter, District 2; and Steve Anthony Garnto of Aiken FFA Chapter, District 4; and the Star Agribusinessman represented District 3.

Legislative Citation Honors Harold Mackey

The South Carolina House of Representatives has presented a certificate of congratulations to the Belton-Honea Path Future Farmers of America and Harold J. Mackey, their chapter advisor, in recognition of their awards and honors won during the past year.

The certificate expressed appreciation to Mr. Mackey as their agriculture teacher, for his dedication and encouragement that enabled these young students to be so successful.

Members of the House of Representatives presented the certificate on motion of M.J. Cooper who represents the Honea Path-Belton area. It calls attention to the "outstanding efforts of the Future Farmers during the year that enabled them to win many honors and awards at the 1987 SCFFA Convention." It commends the students and coach for "a job well-done in bringing pride to their school, community, and the State."

The certificate was presented July 10.

S.C. Future Farmers Plan to Attend 60th National Convention

Al Harman of Lexington, SCFFA president; and Bernard Hampton of Pendleton, SCFFA vice president, will represent the South Carolina delegation of Future Farmers as official delegates to the 60th National FFA Convention. The convention will be held November 11-14 in Kansas City, Mo.

The official delegates represent the entire FFA membership in policy development committees and voting on the convention floor.

Alternate delegates will include the other State FFA officers.

"FFA-Agriculture's New Spirit," will be the convention theme, and will emphasize FFA's contribution to agriculture.

Approximately 100 Future Farmers from South Carolina will attend the convention.

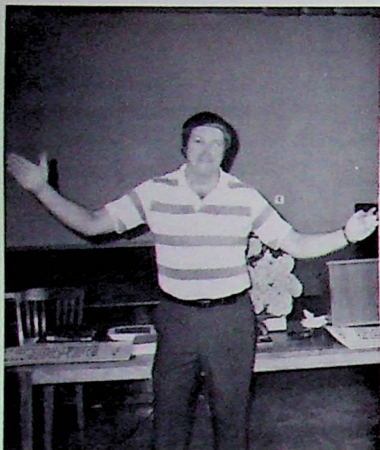
Convention highlights will include the presentation of American Farmer degrees to outstanding Future Farmers in the nation, including several from South Carolina, and recognition of outstanding Future Farmers in National competitive awards program.

Several Future Farmers from South Carolina will be vying for top awards in competitive activities.

Those attending the convention will have an opportunity to mingle, talk, and exchange ideas with other Future Farmers from across America. Hugh P. McClimon, of Columbia, State supervisor of agricultural education, noted in discussing the educational and personal enrichment values of the convention.

Three Leadership Seminars Benefit State FFA Officers

Youth leaders of the South Carolina Association of Future Farmers of America benefited from three leadership conferences during the summer. These included a regional conference at Jacksonville, Fla., a State conference at Cherry Grove, and the National Presidents' conference in Washington, D.C. Reports on each follow:



Teaching effective leadership skills, recreation and fellowship were highlights of the annual State FFA Leadership Conference last Summer at Cherry Grove FFA Camp. George Smith, conference speaker, in left photograph emphasizes "goal setting and cooperation". Teresa Hurt of Saluda, past SCFFA officer and camp counselor, keeps each one provided with refreshments in the camp canteen during breaks, and a group at right works out a goal setting and planning problem as a part of the class session. In lower picture, George Smith, Al Harman, SCFFA president; and Earl Frick, SCFFA executive secretary, discuss workshop objectives and FFA officer participation.



"We Learned a lot"

**Bert Shumpert,
SCFFA Reporter**

The State FFA Leadership Conference was a week full of leadership activities for FFA Chapter and State FFA officers.

We all learned a lot. Not only was this a learning experience for Chapter FFA officers, but also for the State officers who acted as a team for their first official State FFA function.

We arrived at the FFA Camp at Cherry Grove on Monday, met Mr. Earl Frick, our SCFFA executive secretary, and everyone was ready to get going for our leadership training.



The State officers and Mr. Frick practiced Monday night and Tuesday for the upcoming activities. The conference got underway Tuesday night with an orientation ceremony. State officers introduced themselves to the members in attendance, and in turn members introduced themselves.

Tuesday night a vespers program was conducted by the officers at Dock Point.

George Smith of Lexington, was our leadership speaker Wednesday. He discussed techniques of developing leadership skills including emphasis on goal setting and cooperation.

Wednesday afternoon was devoted to recreational activities, and many members enjoyed swimming at the pool, or going to the beach.

State FFA officers conducted two sessions Thursday in which each officer

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Leadership Skills

"You become a good leader by practicing the skills of leadership." This was emphasized at the FFA leadership conference for Chapter and State FFA officers last June at Cherry Grove FFA Camp.

"Know where you are going, have a purpose and have a dream", George Smith of Lexington, emphasized during a session of "Personal Leadership Skills". Mr. Smith is president of the Personal/Life Skills Center at Lexington.

"It is important that you know the purpose of your FFA and your own personal life. If you don't know the purpose of FFA you are not going to be willing to give the time to being a good officer."

"I want to know where you are going before I follow you," Mr. Smith noted in reference to being a leader with a goal that people follow.

The conference included group demonstrations and individuals' participation in categories of leadership development, public speaking, parliamentary procedure, duties and responsibilities of chapter officers, vespers, etiquette, and recreation.

Dr. James Daniels of Clemson, professor of agricultural education, at Clemson University, conducted a session on "Personal Leadership Development and Educational Opportunities in Agriculture".

The conference was sponsored by the South Carolina Association of Future Farmers of America.

LEADERSHIP SEMINARS

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told about a different team activity or awards in the FFA.

Dr. Jim Daniels, professor of agricultural education at Clemson was the featured speaker Thursday afternoon. He discussed the importance of a good education in today's world.

State officers practiced Tuesday afternoon for the banquet to be held that night. Chapter officers were shown the proper ways to conduct an awards banquet. Various awards were presented and Angela Cribb, State FFA secretary, reported that Jeffery Swartz of the Wagener-Salley Chapter won the FFA quiz contest earlier in the day.

Freddie Soloman, sentinel, returned thanks for the food, Bert Shumpert, reporter, presented the State Greenhand award; and Melissa Tyler, treasurer, presented the State Chapter farmer award.

Guest speaker, Steve McGaha, past State FFA officer, was introduced by Bernard Hampton, State vice president.

Al Harman, State FFA president, presided at the banquet.



President Reagan speaks to Future Farmers at Presidents' leadership conference.

Presidents' Conference

FFA leaders from throughout America were welcomed and challenged by President Ronald Reagan in a presentation to FFA State officers, adult advisors and leaders at the FFA State Presidents' Conference, July 27-31 in Washington, D.C.

FFA leaders from South Carolina who attended the conference included Al Harman of Gilbert, SCFFA president; Laurie Staggs Waters, FFA Alumni representatives from South Carolina; and Bernard Hampton of Pendleton, SCFFA vice president.

"We are totally committed to a strong and vibrant America agricultural economy. I want to take this opportunity to thank you, the members of the FFA, for all you are doing to prepare young Americans for the challenge that lies ahead. If we are successful in putting our reforms in place, we are counting on you to beat the pants off the competition. And America is confident that you will," President Reagan told the Future Farmers.

The conference program included visits to historical sites in and around Washington, D.C.

The State FFA officers also met with their senators, congressmen and representatives of the U.S. Departments of Agriculture and Education.

The conference was sponsored by Chevrolet as a special project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc.

Young Farmers Plan For 40th Convention

"Doc" Blakely, professional speaker of Wharton, Texas, will be the banquet speaker at the 40th annual Young Farmer Convention January 15-16 at Radisson Hotel in Columbia.

The banquet session will include presentation of awards in several competitive activities related to farm production, management and progress in farming.

Convention activities also will feature a tour of the Union Camp facilities in Eastover and the Kensington Plantation Friday afternoon.

The program Saturday morning will include a breakfast and business session.

Regional Conference

A regional leadership conference for all State officers was held in Jacksonville, Fla.

All of the South Carolina FFA officers participated in the Jacksonville conference. The group was accompanied to Jacksonville by J.A. Cunningham, agriculture teacher at Gilbert High School.

"The regional conference was designed to improve leadership and communications," Hugh P. McClimon of Columbia, State supervisor of vocational agricultural education, said.

Other features of the conference included:

Develop an understanding of state officer responsibilities.

Prepare State officers for more effective leadership roles in their State FFA Association, their FFA Chapters and their communities.

Emphasis on developing an understanding of National heritage.

An opportunity to work with National FFA officers who conducted the conference.

Provided an exchange of ideas between officers of the several States.

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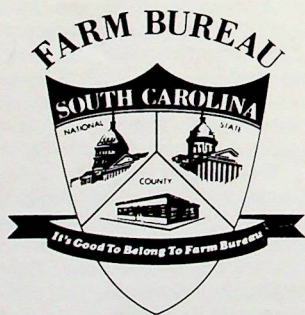
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